

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the October 2016 Meeting

Planning Applications: there were five planning applications considered at this meeting; the Members had no objections to any of these applications, namely: HOUSE/MAL/16/00943 7 St Stephens Road, Cold Norton: Proposed single storey side extension. Removal of conservatory & replaced with proposed two storey rear extension with internal alterations. FUL/MAL/16/00950 Blue House Farm, Hagg Hill, Cold Norton: replacement dwelling. HOUSE/MAL/16/01001 5 Cherry Blossom Lane, Cold Norton: Proposed front dormer addition. RES/MAL/16/00884 Three River Golf & Country Club, Stow Road, Cold Norton: Reserved matters application for approval of Appearance, Layout & Scale on application OUT/MAL/13/01078 approved on appeal (Outline planning application for residential development comprising 6 dwelling incorporating new access road, landscaping & rationalisation of existing car parking). FUL/MAL/16/01044 PP-05479315 Honeywood Farm, Honeypot Lane, Cold Norton: Removal of condition 3 (agricultural occupancy condition) on approved planning permission FUL/MAL/82/00003

Planning Decisions (covering the period w/e 9th September to w/e 30th September 2016): just one for Cold Norton during this period, namely: HOUSE/MAL/16/00795 15 Ferris Avenue Cold Norton: Front porch and cladding to front elevation, renewed upper structure on existing conservatory, replace windows at front. MDC approved (Cold Norton Parish Council had not objected to these works).

Planning applications and decisions: if you would like to see full details of any planning application, please contact the Maldon District Council offices on 01621 854477 or visit the web site www.maldon.gov.uk

Village Hall: Members were advised that the exercise class for seniors is proving very popular and that the new Carpet Bowls class has got off to a good start, enjoyed by all the novices. The first session sorting and cataloguing village records had made good progress. A Ballroom Dancing group was trying out the hall on Sunday evening to see if it will be suitable to be their new regular venue. Sad news was that this year due to lack of support there will not be a Christmas Fayre in the village hall. The Village Hall Management Committee is a very small committed group, who work very hard to run the village hall as a facility for residents, but they need more members to spread the workload – can you help? For information on the exercise or carpet bowls classes, to help with the village archive materials or if you want to find out more about the Village Hall Committee please call Sue Garnham on 828673.

Break-ins: unfortunately there have been some break-ins recently to village properties – please take care.

Playground: the Members approved renovation works to the equipment in the playground and to the purchase of a new item - a double sided wooden kicking wall.

Remembrance Day Service: at 10.15am on Sunday 13th November in St Stephens Church, Cllr Brian Haydon, on behalf of the residents of Cold Norton, will be laying a Poppy Wreath in memory of those who lost their lives.

Dog Waste: unfortunately this problem never totally goes away, but at the moment is a real problem on St Stephens Road near the school and also on Public Rights of

Way Footpath 14, which is the footpath that runs from Latchingdon Road near the bridge up to the Church. The Dog Warden has been advised and will be making ad hoc visits to the village. If you witness someone not picking up after their dog, please report it to the Dog Warden at Maldon District Council on 01621 854477 – even if you don't know who the person is, information re time/day and breed of dog (or just a description) will assist the Dog Warden catch the culprits and take legal action.

Changes to Recycling Centres: in order to tackle the problem of illegal waste being left at recycling centres, from 31st October 2016 ECC will be introducing changes at all sites, so that taxpayers are not footing the bill for business waste. The rule of thumb of how the law works is that household waste covers items which a householder would normally take with them when they move house. If the waste is something you would leave behind, like doors, a fitted kitchen or bathroom, or soil and hardcore from a garden, it is construction waste. And business waste of any kind is strictly excluded. Residents who are unsure about whether to take waste to a recycling centre or whether they will need to rent a skip for larger home improvement projects after 31 October should check the Recycle for Essex website before heading to their local site www.recycleforessex.com

Anglian Water Private Pumping Stations: if any residents have a private pumping station on their property and is therefore currently responsible for the maintenance, repairs and electricity running costs, good news is that from October 2016, many of these private pumping stations will transfer over to Anglian Water and become Anglian Water's responsibility - taking over all of the maintenance and the running costs. There is a special website to help identify and report pumping stations: www.spotapumpingstation.co.uk.

Winter Salt Scheme: Cold Norton will again be participating in this scheme for the coming winter. ECC supplies the Parish Council with salt to be used by residents to put down on side roads which are not on the main gritting routes, so that drivers can reach the main road and footways are gritted for pedestrians. If you want to be part of the Cold Norton Salt Team for your road, please contact the Clerk for more information.

UK Power Networks: has supplied the Parish Council with leaflets for residents who may need extra support if there is a power cut. These leaflets will be available at the Seniors Coffee mornings and Lunch Club or contact the Parish Clerk for a copy – details at end.

New Residents: if you are a new resident to the village or you have a new neighbour, please let the Clerk know so you or your new neighbour can be given a copy of the Cold Norton Footpaths Map and a copy of the last Village Survey.

Parish Council Meetings: Meetings start at 7.30pm in The Les Barclay Room at the Village Hall. Provisionally scheduled for 2016: Wednesdays 9th November and 7th December. Members of the Public are warmly welcomed to hear the proceedings and to speak during the time set aside for that purpose.

To contact the Parish Council: please write to: The Parish Clerk (Maria Dyer), at Exordium, 30b Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex. CM3 6JG. E-Mail to mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.